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In re Application of  
Walker, Suarez, Tulley, Bemer, Fincham,  
Nicoulin, Booth, Polad & Friesen  
Application No. 09/850,328  
Filed: May 7, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. 00-101  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ESTABLISHING PRICES FOR A PLURALITY  
OF PRODUCTS

: **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
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: **DECISION ACCORDING STATUS**  
: **UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)**  
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 2, 2001 (certificate of mailing September 28, 2001).

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Elizabeth Nicoulin, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the declaration of facts of Veronika Leliever and Michael Brinton, both paralegals with Walker Digital, establish that the inventor was mailed the application papers, including the specification, claims and drawings, but failed to respond to the request that she sign the declaration. Petitioner has submitted a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for issuance of a corrected filing receipt. Thereafter the application will be returned to Technology Center 2100 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6712.

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LETTER

Dear Ms. Nicoulin:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703)308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703)308-9726 or 1(800)972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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